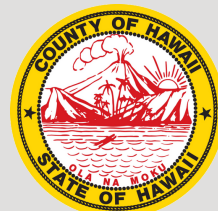


Office of Housing and Community Development **Newsletter**



Landlords play an integral role...

in helping supply an adequate amount of rental homes, apartments and duplexes for our Housing Choice Voucher participants. There are many benefits for Landlords when participating with our programs. Without Landlord Partnerships and Landlord participation, we would not be able to house as many families that we need to. To find out what the benefits are and to refer a Landlord today, call (808) 959-4642 Ext: 1904.

Message from our Housing Administrator

After the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions for two plus years, I am pleased to share that the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) is back to normal operations. The OHCD staff is here to help applicants, residents, property owners, and advocates to learn and navigate various housing programs. I encourage anyone with a question to contact our office. You will find useful information in this newsletter and in future editions, but you can also find information by visiting our website and Instagram page.

Stay well and safe,

Susan Kunz



Reporting Income or Family Changes

Families are required to report any change in income (increase or decrease) within 30 days. Also, any changes to a household composition, must be reported within 30 days. These changes must be reported in writing. Email to sec8info@hawaiiicounty.gov, drop off a letter in office, or in the drop box outside of our building.



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Can we start with a month-to-month lease for Housing Choice Voucher participants?

No. For the initial lease agreement, it will need to be a 6 month or more lease. A 6 month or 1 year lease is the most common that we see. You may indicate in the lease that it will automatically roll into a month-to-month lease after the initial lease expires. Or an entirely new lease agreement can be done prior to expiration.

Homeownership Option Program (HOP)

Applicants and Participants may apply for the HOP program. If the family is eligible and approved, they could receive assistance towards their monthly mortgage payment instead of assistance with monthly rental payments. Available for first home purchases.

For more info:

Call (808) 959-4642
Ext: 1903

To sign-up for the next informational meeting.



Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS)

Participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, may apply for the FSS Program. The FSS Program is designed to assist participants who are committed to achieving economic self sufficiency. Two key features of the program are financial incentive (escrow/savings) and case management (coaching). Call (808) 959-4642 Ext: 1903 to sign-up for the next informational meeting.

Fair Housing Webinar Recap

Through partnerships we recently provided a Fair Housing Webinar series throughout the month of April. Many landlords, realtors, resident managers, property managers, AOA Board members and the general public attended. Each session included around 700 registered attendees with around 150 that attended from Hawai'i Island.

More info visit:

www.hawaiiicounty.gov/departments/office-of-housing/fair-housing

Upcoming Office Closures

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Friday, August 19 - Admissions Day

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day



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